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Introduced by  
Representatives McClure: Alvarez, Crandall, Konopnicki, Lopes, Senators  
Garcia, Soltero

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 32-3274, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE BOARD OF  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-3274, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 32-3274. Reciprocity; notice

5 A. The board ~~may~~ SHALL issue a license to a person in that person's  
6 particular behavioral health profession if the person is licensed or  
7 certified by another state regulatory agency at an equivalent or higher  
8 practice level ~~as determined by the board~~, pays the fee prescribed by the  
9 board and meets all of the following requirements:

10 1. Submits a written application prescribed by the board.

11 2. Is of good moral character. The board's standard to determine good  
12 moral character shall not violate federal discrimination laws. **FOR THE**  
13 **PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, POSSESSION OF A VALID FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE CARD**  
14 **ISSUED PURSUANT TO TITLE 41, CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 3.1 AND DOCUMENTATION OF**  
15 **CONTINUOUS LICENSURE IN GOOD STANDING AS A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL IN**  
16 **ANOTHER STATE FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS CONSTITUTES PROOF OF GOOD MORAL**  
17 **CHARACTER.**

18 3. ~~Documents to the board's satisfaction~~ **PROVIDES** proof of initial  
19 licensure or certification at an equivalent designation for which the  
20 applicant is seeking licensure in this state and proof that the license or  
21 certificate is current and in good standing.

22 4. ~~Documents to the board's satisfaction~~ **PROVIDES** proof that any other  
23 license or certificate issued to the applicant by another state has not been  
24 suspended or revoked. If a licensee or certificate holder has been subjected  
25 to any other disciplinary action, the board may assess the magnitude of that  
26 action and make a decision regarding reciprocity based on this assessment.  
27 **AN APPLICANT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH BY PRESENTING**  
28 **DOCUMENTATION THAT THE APPLICANT'S LICENSURE AS A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**  
29 **PROFESSIONAL BY ANOTHER STATE HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY RENEWED WITHOUT**  
30 **INTERRUPTION.**

31 ~~5. Meets any other requirements prescribed by the board.~~

32 B. **THE BOARD MUST NOTIFY AN APPLICANT IN WRITING WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS**  
33 **AFTER THE APPLICANT SUBMITS AN APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE PURSUANT TO THIS**  
34 **SECTION IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT THE APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE. THE**  
35 **BOARD MUST INCLUDE WITH THIS NOTICE A SPECIFIC EXPLANATION FOR ITS**  
36 **DETERMINATION.**